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SUBJECT: TEXTILE APPAREL CLASSIFICATION

PLEASE INFORM JUSTIN YUE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. COVERALLS, OVERALLS AND JUMPSUITS OF MAN-MADE FIBER
KNIT REGARDLESS OF SIZE ARE CLASSED IN CATEGORY 659.
THESE GARMENTS OF COTTON, KNIT OR WOVEN, AND MAN-MADE
FIBER, (WOVEN), IN ADULT SIZES ARE CLASSED IN CATEGORIES
359 OR 659 BUT IN NON-ADULT SIZES ARE CONSIDERED PLAYSUITS.
IN INFANTS', GIRLS' THROUGH 14, AND BOYS' SIZED THROUGH 20,
THEY ARE CLASSED IN CATEGORIES 337 OR 637. SIMILAR
GARMENTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE WEARER FROM
THE ELEMENTS (BIB-TYPE SNOW OR SKI PANTS AND ONE-PIECE SNOW
SUITS, FOR EXAMPLE) ARE NOT CLASSED AS PLAYSUITS REGARDLESS
OF SIZE BUT ARE CLASSED IN CATEGORIES 359 OR 659. HONG KONG
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HAS BEEN VISAING BIB-TYPE SNOW PANTS UNDER CATEGORY 637.
SOME OF THESE PANTS ARE IN PART OF COATED OR LAMINATED
FABRICS WHILE OTHERS DO NOT CONTAIN SUCH FABRICS. WE WILL
CONTINUE TO WAIVE THE VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH GARMENTS
FOR EXPORT THROUGH 1978 AND ADJUST U.S. IMPORT DATA TO
REFLECT THESE CHANGES. HONG KONG SHOULD CHANGE ITS VISA
RACTICES IN 1979 TO VISA BIB-TYPE SNOW PANTS AS CATEGORY

659. TROUSERS OF THE SAME TYPE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE
VISAED AS CATEGORIES 647 OR 648.

2. ALSO ADVISE YUE THAT FOLLOWING WILL BE PUBLISHED IN
FEDERAL REGISTER ON JULY 12, 1978. HONG KONG AUTHORITIES
SHOULD PUBLICIZE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT: ANNEX D OF THE
UNITED STATES-HONG KONG TEXTILE AGREEMENT SIGNED AUGUST 8,
1977, PROVIDES, AMONG OTHER PROVISIONS, THAT EACH SHIP-
MENT OF TEXTILE APPAREL PRODUCTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT SHALL
BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXPORT VISA ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF HONG KONG AND THAT EACH SHIPMENT VALUED UNDER 250
DOLLARS (U.S. DOLLARS) BE VISAED TO INCLUDE "UNDER 250
DOLLARS." THESE VISA REQUIREMENTS WERE PROVIDED, IN PART,
TO PREVENT CIRCUMVENTION OF THE AGREEMENT, AND THE REQUIR-
EMENT WITH RESPECT TO SHIPMENTS UNDER 250 DOLLARS WAS
INCLUDED SO THAT GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES
AND HONG KONG WOULD BE PROVIDED DATA ON SUCH SHIPMENTS.
THE PURPOSE OF THIS FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE IS TO ADVISE
INTERESTED PARTIES, WELL IN ADVANCE OF EFFECT DATE
AUGUST 15, 1978, THAT VISAS WILL BE REQUIRED ON ALL SHIP-
MENT OF COTTON, WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILE APPAREL
PRODUCTS FROM HONG KONG EXCEPT THOSE "ACCOMPANYING A
TRAVELER FOR PERSONAL USE" AND THOSE WHICH ARE ENTERED AS
"EXEMPTED FROM DUTY AS BONAFIDE GIFTS." CHRISTOPHER

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